

111TH COMMENCEMENT CLOSES RECORD YEAR AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Vermont Confers Degrees in Course
on 143 Graduates—Academic
Attendance Over 500.

FIVE DISTINGUISHED MEN ARE HONORED

President Benton's Words to Governor Gates and
Messrs. Vail, Hepburn, Angell and Orton
Are Gems of Thought—Dr. Angell Orator
—200 at Corporation Dinner.

With the conferring of the largest number of degrees in course since the University of Vermont was chartered 121 years ago, the 111th commencement of the University of Vermont yesterday closed its history. The graduates in the academic department numbered 143 and in the College of Medicine 41, a grand total of 184 to receive diplomas. Five honorary degrees were conferred upon distinguished men.

At the meeting of the board of trustees yesterday morning President Benton announced that the college has passed the 100 mark in the academic department the past year and that altogether there were 698 students in the university. The summer session was attended last year by 270 and the attendance at the former short course last winter was 56. This makes 932 who have availed themselves of the courses offered by the university in the 111th year.

In spirit of enthusiasm shown by the many visiting alumni and in the character of the exercises throughout the week this commencement has also been a record breaker excepting of course the centennial year of 1904.

President Benton was particularly fortunate in his choice of a commencement day speaker as every one in yesterday's huge audience realized as soon as Dr. James R. Angell of Chicago began his telling address on the subject of "The War and Our American Ideals." Dr. Angell is the son of James R. Angell, president emeritus of the University of Michigan and a former president of the University of Vermont, and was born in Burlington.

Following the exercises at the gymnasium the commencement dinner was served in the Van Ness House. This was a delightful gathering of sons and daughters of Vermont and there were a number of short addresses from those who have received degrees in course and in appreciation of their work in the world at large.

BOATDIE CLOSING INSISTENCY.
At 5:30 p. m. the senior body was held on the steamer Vermont, the party going to Blue Point where there was a dinner from eight until 11:30 o'clock after which there was a banquet at Hotel Champlain. The Chateaux brought the merry-makers home in the small hours of the morning.

The academic procession formed in front of the Billings library shortly before eleven o'clock and marched across the college green and around the statue of Lafayette to the front of the gymnasium. The four line was led by the undergraduates, alumni and seniors with the faculty and trustees following. The university flag was again entrusted to the class of 1916 who this year as well as last, had the largest percentage of its members in the procession. More than 50 of its members were present. At the gymnasium ranks were broken and President Benton and Captain Reeves, chief marshal, led the line in reverse order to the platform and to seats reserved in the center of the hall. The great floor was filled to overflowing and many took seats and even stood in the running track above.

On the speaker's platform were the deans of the several colleges, members of the board of trustees, distinguished guests and the chaplain of the day, the Rev. C. C. Adams of the First Church, who was asked by President Benton to open the exercises with prayer. The speaker of the day was then introduced. Dr. Angell is dean of the faculties of arts, literature and science at the University of Chicago. He gave his subject as "The War and Our American Ideals."

CHANGE IN PUBLIC THOUGHT.
Certain great changes are coming over our public consciousness, he said, as a result of the war now raging in Europe. Americans have learned to think nationally and now we begin to think internationally. He traced the progress of our country through the colonial and parochial stages of our development and showed how as a people we have long been content to be sufficient unto ourselves. The Monroe doctrine was formulated to maintain our splendid isolation, but it received a rude blow by the happening of the Spanish-American War. Suddenly we found ourselves with colonies in the Far East and this has done a good deal to jar us loose from provincialism. Anti-imperialist sentiment has developed in consequence, and we have awakened to the reality that no one lives to himself alone.

The case of Belgium, the destruction of Louvain, the destruction of Rheims and the sinking of the Lusitania have united to make us think internationally and

as plant pathologist, for the ability that has brought you to the forefront as a member of the governmental quarantine board and for your invaluable contributions to the branches of science, with the approval of the university senate and the corporation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Vermont, I confer the degree of Doctor of Science, honors causa, in testimony whereof you are invested with the appropriate hood of your academic rank and presented with this diploma.

Your race is hardly well begun. Keen of mind, firm of purpose and fleet of foot you will move forward to bring greater credit to Alma Mater in works approved by men who honor merit.

THEODORE NEWTON VAIL—DOCTOR OF SCIENCE.

Upon you, Theodore Newton Vail, native of Ohio, citizen of Vermont, denizen of the world, inhabitant of the universe, engineer, scientist, captain of industry, sealer of mountains and exalter of valleys, for your invaluable service to the cause of education as a member of the Vermont educational commission, for the stimulus of your generosity in advancing the cause of agricultural education in this State, for your public service in the organization and conduct of the railway mail service in the United States, for your accomplishments in the promotion of rapid railway transit in South American countries, for your improvement of the American telephone service, as the originator of our now indispensable day and night letters, and above all, for your crowning performance to the benefit of mankind, in flinging the telephone across the continent so that the still small voice on the Atlantic seaboard becomes the clear word of distinct understanding on the Pacific coast, with the approval of the university senate and the corporation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Vermont, I confer the degree of Doctor of Science, honors causa, in testimony whereof you are invested with the appropriate hood of your academic rank and presented with this diploma.

Ride on a cosmopolitan compass of difficulties, to the assured immortality that will enable you to speak into the hearing ears of all the countless generations of the future.

JAMES ROWLAND ANGELL—DOCTOR OF LETTERS.

Upon you, James Rowland Angell, born on this academic hill top, son of a mighty age honored as the president of two universities and one of the greatest diplomats of the nineteenth century, ally of the great Monroe State to the world, of letters, scholar, scientific psychologist, author, teacher and educational administrator, in recognition of your eminence among thinkers, your approved leadership as dean of the University of Chicago, your effective interest in social settlement work, with the approval of the university senate and the corporation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Vermont, I confer the degree of doctor of letters, honors causa, in testimony whereof you are invested with the appropriate hood of your academic rank and presented with this diploma.

Director of the United States and State Agricultural College, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Vermont, I confer the degree of doctor of laws, honors causa, in testimony whereof you are invested with the appropriate hood of your academic rank and presented with this diploma.

ALONZO BARTON HEPBURN—DOCTOR OF LAWS.

Upon you, Alonzo Barton Hepburn, distinguished alumnus and honored trustee of Middlebury College, member of the Legion of Honor of the Republic of France, practical economist, master of banking financial statements and author of the great distinction you have reflected upon Vermont by your achievements in the American metropolis, in the Empire State, in the nation and throughout the wide world, for the respect your abilities as controller of the treasury, as director of many great trusts in the field of international commerce and as leader in sanity and clarity of patriotic thinking have commanded for the cultured, the disciplined mind and the high-grade efficiency of the college man among men of deeds, with the approval of the University Senate and the corporation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Vermont, I confer the degree of doctor of laws, honors causa, in testimony whereof you are invested with the appropriate hood of your academic rank and presented with this diploma.

Your new alma mater rejoices to greet you as a loyal son whose past accomplishments are a source of pride and glory that will bring new lustre to Vermont through every added year of ending time and endless eternity.

CHARLES WINSLOW GATES—DOCTOR OF LAWS.

Upon you, Charles Winslow Gates, unobtrusive citizen, patron of sound learning, faithful layman in the Church of God, advocate of temperance, exemplar of personal righteousness, maker of roads, Governor of the commonwealth, friend of the public welfare, disciple of all good, thoughtful listener, wise in counsel and careful of utterance, for your success in building highways that, without issue of bonds have, through more than a decade, been making the unrivalled beauty-spots of Vermont more and more accessible to the outside world and for the fine tact, rare wisdom, and splendid statesmanship that have made you a Governor whom all the people of the State are glad to follow, with the approval of the University Senate and the corporation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College,

by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Vermont, I confer the degree of doctor of laws, honors causa, in testimony whereof you are invested with the appropriate hood of your academic rank and presented with this diploma.

Upon you, William Allen Orton, achieving honors of the University of Vermont graduated in 1885, Master of Arts in 1886, first agricultural student to win the undergraduate prize for progress, member of Phi Beta Kappa, scientist, master of research, author and executive, in recognition of the great distinction brought to this institution by your meritorious service for 15 years in the bureau of plant industry of the federal department of agriculture, for your pronounced pro-eminent

NEARLY A SCORE OF AMERICANS VICTIMS OF U-38

Muleteers Perish in Destruction
of Dominion Freight Liner
Armenian, Torpedoed by German Submarine.

MAY RAISE BIG ISSUE

Gravity of Incident and Action
of Washington Government
Depend Largely on Whether
or Not Steamer Was in Fact a
Transport of War.

Washington, June 30.—The Dominion freight liner Armenian, flying the British flag and carrying mules from Newport News, Va., to England, was torpedoed and sunk Monday night by the German submarine U-38 off Cornwall, England, and nearly a score of American muleteers aboard are reported lost, according to messages received by the state department today from Consul John J. Hennings, Jr., of Bristol, twenty-nine men in all were out and ten injured.

The new report of a separation in official quarters as it was the first case of loss of American lives since the sinking of the Lusitania. The gravity of the incident, however, and the action of the Washington government depends almost entirely on whether the Armenian was charged with the carrying of war material and, in fact, a transport of war material which Americans would sail at their own risk or whether she was an unarmed merchantman.

In the latter case, even though carrying contraband, the ship must have been subjected to visit and search and those aboard transferred to a place of safety before the destruction of the vessel was attempted.

WILL ASK ADMIRALTY.

In the absence of official information on these points, officials declined to comment on the sinking of the Armenian, which would have pending negotiations between the United States and Germany. Immediate inquiry was started, however, by Ambassador Page at London to secure more details and when Secretary Lansing returns tomorrow, Ambassador Gerard will be instructed to inquire of the German admiralty as to its report.

From the messages received it appears that in addition to the torpedo, at least one shot was fired from a disappearing turret. The consul's report said the wireless house was taken by second shot. It was not made clear whether the Armenian was first ordered to halt and resisted capture, requiring a second shot, or whether the submarine attacked without warning. The fact that the number of the submarine was given, indicated that she had come to the surface to make the attack.

CARRIED CONTRABAND.

Mules are contraband of war, according to all the lists of the belligerents, so there can be no doubt as to the contraband character of the Armenian's cargo. Officials still make an effort to learn, however, whether the vessel was armed and whether she was a part of the British naval forces before the opinion of the state department on the case will be decided.

All of the dispatches received were promptly telegraphed to President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., and Secretary Lansing at Amherst, Mass., and it was considered probable that they would communicate with each other while in New England.

The messages from Consul Armstrong did not show clearly just how many Americans were lost. In his list of Americans missing, he named 20 muleteers—eight whites and 12 negroes—who were unaccounted for, but later telegrams spoke of Dr. J. S. Vico, a Porto Rican, and three negroes as having been picked up by a submarine and other survivors by a Belgian trawler, and transferred to two British destroyers, which brought them into Bristol.

The list of missing as finally made up to-night from Consul Armstrong's reports follows:
E. Williamson, St. Louis;
J. M. Monroe, New Orleans;
B. M. Granberry, Montgomery, Ala.;
S. R. Sutton, Cartersville, Va.;
Harry Strong, New York city;
Brown, cattle caretaker, Harrisburg, Pa.

Dr. J. S. Vico, Porto Rican;
R. H. Brooks or West, (chief foreman of muleteers) London, (naturalized American).

Henry, Leroy, Jackson and Speed, Richmond, Va.;
Walt, Foley and Little, Newport News, Va.;
Kins, Small, Rickert and Oakes, Norfolk, Va.;
Smith, Portsmouth, Va., all negro muleteers.

PRESIDENT NOTIFIED.

Cornish, N. H., June 30.—President Wilson was informed to-night of the sinking of the Dominion liner Armenian by a German submarine and of the fact that a number of Americans were reported lost. It was said he would wait for full official information before deciding what course to pursue, but that a thorough investigation would be conducted.

The President displayed deep interest in the dispatches from Washington. He has been told that a favorable reply from Germany to the last American note protesting against the submarine warfare was probable and therefore the news of the sinking of the Armenian was received here with surprise.

It was said at his residence that the President had not changed his plan of remaining here over July 4.

President Wilson was kept indoors most of the time today by a drizzling rain which began about 10 o'clock. During the morning he sat at his desk with Dr. Carr

HAPPENINGS IN VT.; NEWS BY COUNTIES

ADDISON COUNTY MIDDLEBURY.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bentley Wednesday evening, June 23 on the East Middlebury road when their daughter, Miss Dorothy M. Bentley, was united in marriage to Arnold W. Rowe of Rutland, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. A. Lancaster, pastor of the Congregational church of this village. The bride was attended by her sister, while the best man was Martin Rowe of Rutland, a brother of the groom. The bride was gown in white crepe de chine, with pearl trimmings, and wore a bridal veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Her traveling suit was sand gabled with white hat trimmed with flowers. The bridesmaid, Miss Mable Bentley of Worcester, Mass., wore yellow chiffon and carried yellow roses. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Gordon McQuilly. The house was decorated with running pine and wild flowers. Following the ceremony there was a reception and dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe were the recipients of a large number of presents. After a wedding trip to Providence, R. I., and Worcester, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Rowe will reside in Rutland. Among those present from the city of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers of Rutland, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baker and family, Harry G. White, Mrs. Edgar Davis and Mr. and Mrs. John Bond of Rutland.

Prof. Henry M. Seeley and Dr. M. H. Eddy, both of whom have passed their 80th birthdays, have been enjoying gatherings of their children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces, during the past ten days. The Rev. and Mrs. John W. Chapman of Arctic, Alaska, who intended soon to leave for their home, and Dr. and Mrs. Henry H. Seeley of Hartford, Nebraska, chose this time for a trip East and Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood M. Seeley of East Orange, N. J., completed the circle. Professor Seeley's other child is Mrs. John M. Thomas of Middlebury, a professor and Mrs. Seeley, with their children, had a group of about 20, together with the relatives of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Eddy, made 25 faces for a group picture on Professor Seeley's steps Friday. In the afternoon games were played at President Thomas' and in the evening the entire group had supper with Dr. and Mrs. Stanton S. Eddy—Miss Myrtle Eddy, who has taught school in Manchester, Conn., for a year, has returned to spend the summer with her parents—H. D. Archer has returned from Warrenburg, N. Y.—Dr. V. C. Harrington has gone to Boston to spend some time with his sister—Miss Grace Allen has returned to Cambridge, N. Y., after a visit at the home of Miss Rena Huntley—Dr. Sanborn, who has been in Burlington at a sanatorium for a few weeks, recovering from illness, has returned and resumed his practice—Mr. and Mrs. Felix Liberty and daughter have gone to Rutland for a few days—Matilda LaRoche has gone to Rouses Point, called there by the death of a relative—The Rev. P. M. Rose, who has been visiting here and in Cornwall for a few weeks, has returned to Springfield, Mass.—Miss Dora Puls, who has been spending some time in Rutland, has returned home to spend the summer with her parents—Miss Ruth Resolving, who has taught school at Claremont, N. H., for a year, has returned to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Brookline—Dr. Henry H. Vail of Woodstock, George M. Wright of New York and Percival Wilds of New York, who have been guests of ex-Gov. John W. Stewart, have returned to their homes—The Misses Sarah and Florence Gilmer have returned to Stony Point, N. Y., after a week at the home of Prof. and Mrs. C. B. Wright—Miss E. Easton, a teacher in Springfield, N. Y., is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Easton—Mrs. M. A. Boylan, Miss Albert Gilson and Mrs. T. E. Boyce have gone to Broad Leaf Inn, where they will spend the summer—Mr. and Mrs. Sanford H. Lane, who have been in town for two weeks, expect to leave for Ottawa, Kan., where Mr. Lane is a teacher. Mr. Arthur Hood and family of Detroit, Mich., have leased the Rouse house on Munroe street and taken possession.

Harvey E. Gendall has gone to headstone to spend the summer—George Norton, Jr., whose left foot was run over by an automobile 10 days ago, has so far recovered as to be able to be about with crutches—Theodore H. Dawhirst has gone to Fair Haven, where he has a rooming place—Amos Lader, of the U. S. S. N.

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T. Grayson, his naval aide and physician at Hanover, N. H., and in the afternoon he stayed in his study working on official business and reading. He retired early to-night.

Dr. Josiah M. Aguilar and Major Garcia, who came here yesterday in an effort to arrange an interview between the President and Gen. Felipe Angeles, left late today for Boston.

Washington, June 30.—(Official) Advice here to-night were to the effect that the Armenian had been chartered by the Levant line to the Dominion line, which is understood to have a contract for the shipment of mules for the British government and recently has made many trips.

It is assumed the Armenian was in armed, as such vessels usually carry no arms. Even if she actually had been under charter by the British government there is an understanding between the United States and Great Britain that none of the latter's ships shall be given clearance for American ports of arrival.

Officials to-night were inclined to the view that the case would hinge largely upon whether the Armenian was given warning and whether she attempted to escape, after being ordered to stop.

From the fact that two shots were fired at the Armenian when the submarine came to the surface, some officials think the ship may not have heeded the warning to halt.

Newport News, Va., June 30.—The steamer Armenian, which sailed from Newport News, carried besides her regular crew, 100 Americans—50 white and the remainder negroes—signed to carry the cargo of 142 mules for use of the English army. The Armenian was the first ship of the many to have carried horses and mules from Newport News for the allies to be sunk by a German submarine.

Her cargo, according to her manifest, valued at the customs house, was valued at \$25,499.

HUBBARDTON WEDDING.

Miss Maude D. Corwin the Bride of Alfred J. Chandler.

Hubbardton, June 30.—Miss Maude D. Corwin and Alfred J. Chandler were married this afternoon at four o'clock at the home of the bride in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. The Rev. E. L. Nye of the Baptist church performed the ceremony. The bride wore white crepe de chine with white lace and pearl trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Her traveling suit was of putty color serge, with hat to match. The wedding march was played by Miss Nellie D. Williams of West Pawlet. The decorations were of wild roses, daisies and evergreens. Following the ceremony refreshments were served, the color scheme being pink and white. After a wedding trip to Boston and New York Mr. and Mrs. Chandler will reside in Rutland, where Mr. Chandler is employed in the auditor's office of the Rutland railroad. Among many useful and valuable gifts received by the couple was a large clock presented by employees of the auditing department. Mr. Chandler formerly taught school in Springfield, Brattleboro and Burlington.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF WATCH.

Rutland, June 30.—Edward J. Lloyd, known in police circles as Harry Lloyd, was arrested this afternoon by Officers Jesse Young and P. H. Conlin and this morning he will be arraigned on a charge of stealing a watch from a companion with whom he was associated a good share of this morning. Lloyd also took \$5 cents from his friend's pocket. It is claimed, probably while he was using a bottle out of which both drank. The watch was recovered to-night by Officer Young at the J. Kaufman pawn shop on West street, where Lloyd had signed his own name to a slip, showing he had received \$5 for the stolen time piece. Lloyd is not a stranger to the police.

SITUATION IN MEXICO CITY IS DESPERATE

Riotous Mobs Reported Looting
Capitol, Which Has Been Isolated
by Rail and Wire Twelve
Days.

GARRISON WITHDRAWN

To Join the Zapatistas in Opposing
Attack of Carranza Forces
—Washington Fears That
Fighting Will Endanger Lives
of Foreigners.

Washington, June 30.—Desperate conditions in Mexico City, with unchecked mobs rioting and looting, are described in dispatches cabled to the United States government to-night from Vera Cruz by a courier who left the Mexican capital last Friday, June 25.

When the courier started, practically the entire garrison had been withdrawn to join the Zapatista army on the outskirts of the city opposite the attacking Carranza force under Gen. Pablo Gonzalez. Gonzalez had been driven back with considerable loss, and was waiting for reinforcements from Vera Cruz before renewing the assault.

No mention was made of attacks upon foreigners, so officials assumed they were safe. Many stores had been looted, the dispatches said, and mobs were rioting and selling food.

The dispatches were forwarded immediately to President Wilson, Gen. Cornish, N. H., and the situation will be laid before Secretary Lansing when he returns to-morrow.

CUT OFF FOR 12 DAYS.

The Mexican capital has been cut off from communication by wire and rail for 12 days. The last previous word from there came Monday night in dispatches from the British charge sent by a courier who left the city June 23, two days before the departure of the messenger who brought the reports received to-night. At that time conditions were only less serious than the latest dispatches described.

The Zapatistas are said to have nearly 25,000 men and although poorly equipped for battle against the forces of Gonzalez, are preparing to fight desperately before leaving the capital to Carranza.

Other reports to the state department from Vera Cruz to-night said three train loads of Carranza troops left there yesterday to reinforce Gonzalez.

FIGHTING IS FEARED.

The chief fear of officials here is that the fighting will be carried into the capital itself, endangering the lives of foreigners and creating a situation far worse than any arising by hungry civilians. The diplomatic corps is being depended upon to take necessary steps to protect the foreign colony in any emergency.

No further report had been received here to-night concerning developments in the case of General Huerta and his associates arrested at El Paso. Officials of the department of justice let it be known that they had no reason to believe that General Felipe Angeles was implicated in the alleged Huerta revolutionary plot.

MORE MEXICANS ARRESTED.

El Paso, Texas, June 30.—Three more arrests on charges of conspiracy to violate the United States neutrality laws were made here today. General Marcelo Caraveo, a brother of General Alarce, brother, were taken into custody. A total of six arrests since General Victoriano Huerta was detained Sunday.

In addition to the general charge, the Alarce brothers are accused of purchasing and mobilizing horses on their ranch east of El Paso. Their case will be called for preliminary hearing to-morrow together with the cases against Huerta, General Pascual Orozco, Jose Zozaya and Caraveo.

It was established to-day that Salvador Reza, a former captain in Huerta's army, was held by the military authorities at Juarez. It was understood that Villa authorities had planned his execution but together with the Carranza agents with the new revolutionary movement had had access to a suspension of the sentence.

NO REVIEW FOR HUERTA.

Washington, June 30.—When Secretary Garrison's attention was called to-day to reports that a review had been held in General Huerta's honor at Fort Bliss, Texas, and that the ex-Mexican dictator had been a dinner guest of Colonel Moran, he telegraphed Major-General Fuston, commanding the border forces, that he thought no honors should be shown a man in Huerta's status.

General Fuston replied that no review had been given for Huerta.

New York, June 30.—Gen. Felix Diaz, who is in New York, to-night declared he believed the story of his reported arrival in El Paso last night was given out by his enemies. General Diaz said he had no present intention of going to El Paso.

PROGRESS TOWARD HOSPITAL FUND.

Fellowship, June 30.—The local amount raised to-day, the second of the \$20,000 campaign for the Rockingham hospital, was \$2,197.10. A woman's team captained by Miss Caroline M. Arms reported the largest total amount secured by any team \$933. The amount raised during the two days of the campaign is \$5,647.10.

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